

Economic Development, Contingency, Public
Access and
Small Construction Funds

NCDOT

Board of Transportation

Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations
Committee

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Overview – Economic Development (\$4M)

- Funding for transportation improvements to facility new industry bringing new jobs
- \$2500 per new job
- Jointly Supported by Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Transportation
- Typically a supplemental to other fund sources
- Maximum of \$400k per project per SFY
- Guidelines and Request Forms posted on website:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Pages/Economic-Development.aspx>

Overview – Contingency (\$12M)

- Created for statewide rural or small urban highway improvements and related transportation enhancements to public roads/public facilities, industrial access roads, and spot safety projects.
- The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Secretary of Transportation sponsor project requests from this fund.

Overview - Public Access (\$1.7M)

- Created in 1959 to assist in attracting new industry and/or relocating or expanding industry. Funding for public school bus drives, access roads to public airports and medical facilities; driveways for rural fire district and rescue squad facilities.
- Industrial access projects - \$1,000 per employee for new or expanding industry

Fund also used for requests received from schools, volunteer fire departments, and industrial entities.

- \$50,000 limit per public school site
- \$25,000 limit for Department driveway projects

Overview - Small Construction (\$2.5M FY 2016 *)

*down from \$5M annually in recent years

- Established 1985 to fund small projects in and around cities and towns which could not be funded in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
- Budget Bill provisions currently allow for use on variety of transportation projects for municipalities, counties, businesses, schools and industries throughout the State
- Appropriations equally allocated between 14 Highway Divisions
- Board Member Support included with request
- \$250,000 maximum amount per project per Fiscal Year

Program Mechanism

- Requests received from municipalities, counties, businesses, schools, citizens, legislative members, and NCDOT staff.
- Requests sent to the Division Engineer or Chief Engineer's Office providing technical information such as location, improvements being requested, timing, job and investment information, etc. for thorough review.
- Typically, cost of right-of-way and utility relocations provided by others.

Program Mechanism

- Division Engineer performs field inspection and forwards documentation to Chief Engineer for review and presentation to the Project Review Committee.
- Documentation:
 - Project description/Scope of Work/Maps
 - Project justification
 - Cost estimates with all fund sources identified
 - Local Government resolution for projects >\$150k (G.S. 136-11.1)
 - Appropriate Signatures (Division Engineer, Board Member)
 - Senate/House Speaker sponsor letter for Contingency projects
- The Project Review Committee makes recommendation for further investigation or includes on the Board Agenda for action by the Secretary, NCDOT.

Program Examples (Economic Development)

County	Industry	Capital Investment	New Jobs	Project Type	Amount Small Project Funds
Halifax	Pelican Packing	37,700,000	400	New Access Road (1300')	356,000
Henderson	Empire Distributing	15,000,000	100	Upgrade Existing Road for Commercial Trucks	195,000
Buncombe	New Belgium Brewery	150,000,000	130	Improve the radii at the ramps from I-240	98,000
Robeson	Mountanaire Farms	34,500,000	325	Add Turn Lanes for Truck Traffic	385,000
Northampton	Enviva LP Wood Pellet Mill	60,000,000	60	New Access Road (1300')	160,000
Rutherford	Horsehead Corp. New Manufacturing Facility	300,000,000	240	Realign Secondary Road	240,000
Wake	Syngenta - Expansion	80,000,000	150	Road Strengthening and Widening	350,000
Orange	Morinaga American Food, Inc.	48,000,000	100	New Access Road	785,000

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County	Industry	Capital Investment	New Jobs	Project Type	Amount Small Project Funds
New Hanover	Vertex Rail	60,000,000	873	Road improvements, rail crossing relocation, & new road location	406,000
Lenoir	Dupont	35,000,000	18	Rail spur for Plant expansion	765,000
Rutherford	Trelleborg Corporate Office	10,600,000	76	Turn lane construction	245,000
Henderson	KDS – Kiln Drying Systems	1,400,000	19	Summerwind road improvements (GDBP)	180,000
Lenoir	Pactiv	27,000,000	59	Road Strengthening and Widening	400,000
Cabarrus	Gordon Food Service/Childress Klein/SP Richards	82,800,000	341	Road improvements	800,000
Alamance	Lidl	150,000,000	80 full / 120 part	Governor Scott Road improvements (GDBP)	750,000